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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Defense Key Intelligence Questions (DKIQs)

1. We have received a draft copy of the DKIQs with
a cover memo signed by General Graham. The DKIQs will
essentially replace the CNTDIOs. According to the memo,
the DKIQs "are those military intelligence questions
which, in an annual assessment of world issues and user
requirements, surface as most critical to decision makers
for the formulation of policy and decisions in the area
of national security. The questions are not listed in
order of priority, except within subsets, are not intended
to compete with other more comprehensive requirements
listings and do not include questions related to the
execution of established policy."

2. The purpose of the DKIQs, as stated in the memo,
is:

    A. "To anticipate, identify and address
critical defense-related intelligence requirements.

    B. To provide narrow and specific intelligence
questions for the Department of Defense, needed in
order to:

        (1) Focus collection and production
efforts;

        (2) Create audit trails of requirements,
efforts, products and user satisfaction; and

        (3) Evaluate the DoD Intelligence Com-
munity performance.

    C. To provide the DoD input to the national
level Key Intelligence Questions (KIQ)."

3. In addition, the memo states that "the DKIQs interface directly with the KIQs through presenting those DKIQs which are national, as well as departmental to the Director of Central Intelligence for inclusion in the national level KIQ list." A copy of the DKIQs was given to Dave Close on 19 May by Col. Hanks/DIA.

4. The DKIQs are organized in a hierarchical structure beginning with 15 subjects. These subjects are subdivided into 52 issues which are analogous to the KIQs. A listing of the subjects and issues is attached.

5. The 52 issues consist of 331 DKIQs. There are 488 sub-DKIQs. Thus, because the KIQs are analogous to the 52 issues, the DKIQs and sub-DKIQs represent more specific intelligence questions than are represented by the KIQs which are more broadly based.

6. In reference to the stated purposes of the DKIQs (see para. 2) it is expected that the DKIQs will serve effectively to focus collection and production efforts. However, creation of the audit trail system will take time since it will be based almost entirely on DIA's PROMIS system--a production management information system in the early stages of an expected 2-3 year development period. There is no known evaluation system available to measure performance against the DKIQs. Presumably, a KEP-like methodology will have to be designed and tested for this purpose.

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